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Highlights of Past Week

National Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training (EWDJT) Grant Announcement (Los Angeles, CA): On May 12, Mathy Stanislaus announced the 2016 recipients of the national Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grants. Five 2016 grant recipients are in Region 9: Cypress Mandela Training Center, Inc., Oakland, CA; Nye County, Tonopah, NV; City of Pittsburg, Pittsburg, CA; Hunters Point Family, San Francisco, CA; and Los Angeles Conservation Corps, Los Angeles, CA. (Contact: Noemi Emeric-Ford, x4-1821)

Brownfields Cleanup & Redevelopment Groundbreaking (San Lucas, CA): On May 12, Brownfields staff attended a groundbreaking event hosted by Monterey County to celebrate the start of construction of a new public library on a Brownfields cleanup site in San Lucas, CA. The site was formerly used as a library, auto-repair facility and gas station. The County used a \$200,000 Brownfields Cleanup grant awarded by EPA in 2014 to fund the excavation of soils contaminated with lead, PAHs and petroleum hydrocarbons. Prior to the grant award, EPA had assisted with performing a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) to evaluate site conditions and identify cleanup options. The County is funding library constructing through a HUD Community Development Block Grant. (Contact: Lisa Hanusiak, x2-3152)

Tronox NAUM (Cove, AZ): From April 28 through May 6, EPA staff with support from ERT completed the Cove Wash spring snow melt sampling effort. This is an ongoing assessment to delineate sources and extent of contamination of drainage throughout the watershed. Activities included collecting surface water, groundwater, and sediment samples during spring melt conditions. Additional sites, including springs and seeps used by livestock and wildlife and seep areas around mine features, were a focus of this phase of the assessment. (Contact: Wilson Yee, x2-3484)

Triple Site: Installation of the first residential mitigation system in the Duane/San Miguel Avenue neighborhood will begin this week. In the meantime, we continue to provide some additional comments to the Responsible Party on the remainder of the residential mitigation plans and associated documents, which should be finalized shortly. We continue to sample new homes in the high VI risk area and work with property owners to obtain written access agreements, and we are preparing for the next big neighborhood mailer and door-to-door outreach event in the step-out area. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Leviathan Mine: This week, Atlantic Richfield began seasonal operation of the High

Density Sludge treatment plant following completion of de-winterization, startup activities, and coordination with Remedial Investigation sampling that could not take place during discharge. Water will be treated and discharged in to Leviathan Creek to draw down Pond 4. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board, the other PRP at the site, will begin their seasonal treatment of accumulated water in July. (Contacts: Gary Riley, x2-3003 or Lynda Deschambault, x7-4183)

Certified Towing Removal Action, Ontario, CA: The Emergency Response Section completed removal of 88 drums at Certified Towing this week. The drums contained a proprietary co-polymer classified as RCRA flammable liquid waste. The company was a California Highway Patrol contractor that collected drums after a tractor trailer was searched. Drums were all transported off-site yesterday by our cleanup contractor. (Contact: Craig Benson, 562-889-1630)

Navajo Structures Assessment and Removal Training, GGNRA, San Francisco, CA: Tribal Cleanup Program, Community Involvement and Emergency Response Section members were joined last week by technical assessment contractors, the USCG Pacific Strike Team, the Environmental Response Team and Navajo Nation EPA personnel in a comprehensive radioactive structures training. The training covered most elements of the removal and assessment in preparation for the upcoming field surveys. Hands-on training with instruments, including the HPIC and gamma rate meters in the Viper wireless configuration, were used to survey buildings and ground surface respectively. EPA and other personnel practiced collecting and managing radiation data. (Contact: Randy Nattis, 415-971-1109)

Eureka Smelters, Eureka, NV: Removal work in Eureka is in its second week this season. Crews are excavating the first residential yard. Preliminary site preparation on the repository is on hold waiting for concurrence from the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer on EPA's finding of no adverse affect. On May 9, OSCs Dunkelman and Moxley participated in a round table meeting requested by several local businesses to answer questions on how they can best engage EPA's business during the removal action. On Wednesday evening OSC Moxley and CIC Sarah Cafasso will host an open house meeting with the parents of elementary school children on the removal action to address hazards of lead and arsenic to young children. Invitations went out last week to the parents from the School District Superintendent. (Contact: Bret Moxley, 415-971-7720)

Typhoon Soudelor Wrap-up, Lower Base Medical Waste, and Saipan Pesticide Roundup, Saipan, CNMI: Last week OSC Reiner oversaw completion of soil cleanup from a Soudelor transformer staging area and scattered spill sites. Soil was collected and consolidated in one location and will be packed up for disposal in June. The Emergency Response Section will also conduct a small pesticide cleanup and Reiner completed the waste inventory for that upcoming mission. Finally, Reiner completed the excavation of the Lower Base Medical Waste site. (Contact: Chris Reiner, 415-971-6911)

Environmental Response Team Oil Spill Course, Santa Maria, CA: OSCs Zuroski, Weden, and Wise are participating with the Environmental Response Team in a practical oil

spill equipment deployment training on Lopez Lake. Several State and local responders are participating in the training. OSC Wise is presenting a case study. (Contact: Donn Zuroski, 415-971-6829)

Significant Items for Next Week

Ruby, Mariano Lake, Mac and Black Jack Mines: EPA staff will conduct interviews for the Community Involvement Plan with local residents and chapter officials. (Contact: Priscilla Tom, x2-3377 or Michele Dineyazhe, x2-3085)

Del Amo/Montrose Vapor Intrusion (Los Angeles County, CA): EPA project staff (Yolanda Sanchez) will be traveling to partner with EPA project staff Yarissa Martinez and Romie Duarte to staff a mobile information center (MIC), resample the indoor air of a handful of houses, and do oversight on the soil-gas investigation. The MIC will be staffed from 12:30-6:00 PM on May 19 and 20 in the Harbor Gateway neighborhood to discuss ongoing soil-gas sampling and distribute new fact sheets for the comprehensive vapor intrusion investigation. Formation of the MIC was done in response to community input requesting greater accessibility to information regarding the site. The MIC includes a tent, chairs and tables, a mobile battery, computer with access to site documents, crayons and coloring books on environmental topics, and outreach material for the Del Amo & Montrose Superfund sites. A postcard is being mailed to the community this week to advertise the MIC. (Contact: Yolanda Sanchez, x2-3880 or Yarissa Martinez, x4-1806)

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard: As part of continuing routine community involvement activities, the Navy will host a bus tour May 14 of the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. The tours will show cleanup progress and measures to protect community members during cleanup. Lily Lee (Remedial Project Manager) and Jackie Lane (Community Involvement Coordinator) will represent the US EPA, and the State of California Department of Toxic Substances Control will also attend. (Contact: Lily Lee, x7-4187, Jackie Lane, x2-3236)

Sanger Poultry/Pitman Farms: We anticipate routing an Administrative Order on Consent that we hope to reach with Pitman Farms, the owner of Sanger Poultry. The latter, a poultry processing facility located in Sanger, CA near Fresno, experienced an accidental release of anhydrous ammonia in September 2014 that resulted in hospitalization, and another on May 2, 2016. The Company is replacing its ammonia refrigeration system and the planned order on consent is intended to get them into compliance as soon as possible. (Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Sacramento WTP, Elk Grove: Donald Nixon along with Karen Henry and Jeremy Deyoe are scheduled to inspect the Sacramento Water Treatment Plant in Elk Grove on May 19. (Contact: Donald Nixon, x2-3123)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 Weeks Out)

Riverside/Ontario Clean Air Act 112(r) Inspections: Johnstone, with support by Weston (Burkle) will conduct CAA 112(r) inspections of an Airgas facility in Riverside, CA and the

Americold cold storage facility in Ontario on May 17 & 18, respectively. (Contact: Jeremy Johnstone, x2-3499)

Grant Announcements

ADEQ MSCA: EPA is processing ADEQ's application for their FY17/18 MSCA, a total of \$1,221,908. Funding for \$633,621 for FY 17 is planned to be included in the award, and the remainder FY18 budget \$588,287 will be incrementally funded next year. The MSCA covers ADEQ general support and oversight for the following AZ Sites: Apache Powder, Hassayampa Landfill, Iron King, Motorola 52nd Street (OU2 and OU3), Phoenix Goodyear Airport North, South Indian Bend Wash, and Tucson International Airport Authority. (Contact: Nadia Hollan Burke, x2-3187)

Anaconda and Carson River: The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection submitted its application for an extension to its Multi-Site Cooperative Agreement for the period July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017. The requested amount is approximately \$260,000, and the scope of work includes Carson River ongoing RI activities and institutional control related activities, and Anaconda RI/FS activities for all the active operable units (OU) including preparing the OU8 Proposed Plan and Record of Decision. (Contact: Dante Rodriguez, x2-3166)

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagement for Division Director

California Office of Emergency Services/CA DFW Exercise, Long Beach, Los Angeles Co., CA: OSC Wise is attending an OES train derailment exercise as part of the new California Inland Oil Response Program in Long Beach on Tuesday.

Los Angeles County Fire Department Outreach, Commerce, Los Angeles Co., CA: OSC Wise is providing the Emergency Response Section outreach presentation to the LA County Fire Department Health Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Unit on Thursday.

Principles of Chemical Emergency Preparedness Training: On May 16-19, Bill Jones and Lance Richman will participate in a 'train the trainer' course in Clark County, Nevada. The course is designed to help facilities and local government planning and response officials protect human health and the environment from the dangers of chemicals and hazardous materials. It provides the fundamental concepts for developing and implementing Chemical Emergency Response Plans (CERP). (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Other Information

Brownfields Technical Assistance on RTE 66 (San Bernardino County, CA): A Targeted Brownfields Assessment was approved for a property in the unincorporated Town of Goffs in San Bernardino County, CA. The Applicant is the Mojave Desert Heritage and Cultural Association. The property is on RTE 66 and will be redeveloped into a general store, with possibly some food service component. Although the community is small, the road is frequented by tourists travelling RTE 66 or taking pictures of old buildings on the property, and there are currently no other general stores. (Contact: Jose Garcia, x4-1811)

Argonaut Mine (Jackson, CA): EPA is at the mid-way point of the 60-day public comment period for the proposed listing of the Argonaut Mine. To date, we have not received any comments. The 60-day public comment period will close on June 7. (Contact: Leslie Ramirez, x2-3978)

Radiation Emergency Planning Coordination with the Navy: On May 10, Mike Bandrowski, Ryder Freed, Rob Terry, Dan Meer met with representatives from the Navy Submarine Squadron 11, San Diego and FEMA to discuss radiation emergency planning and response. The Navy briefed out on their organization and programs. Submarine squadron 11 has responsibility for all nuclear powered warships that are based in San Diego (subs and aircraft carriers). There are 6 submarines and 2 aircraft carriers with San Diego as their home port. No nuclear weapons are stored there. They hold periodic full scale exercises, the next one of which is scheduled for November 7-9. We will get an invitation to either observe or participate in that exercise. They described their worst case planning process in which they define an 'area of planning attention' of .5 miles radius (which is analogous to the 10 mile radius emergency planning zone for civilian nuclear plants. Interestingly the Navy does not use EPA Preliminary Action Guides but something they term 'precautionary measures' and which they claim are more conservative. We did point out that if the messaging is not very clear from the outset, the use of something other than the PAGs could be a major source of confusion. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

Division Director Schedule: Enrique Manzanilla will be attending the Tern Island meeting with OMB in Washington, DC, on May 18-20. Nancy Lindsay is acting.

30-60 Day Outlook

Hawaii Ammonia Safety Day: EPA is partnering with the Ammonia Safety Training Institute, the State of Hawaii State Emergency Response Commission, the Honolulu Local Emergency Planning Committee, OSHA, DHS and others to sponsor a safety day in Honolulu on June 15. To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hawaii-ammonia-safety-day-tickets-24661327695>. (Contact: Bill Jones, 619-235-4776)

Argonaut Mine Site: We anticipate signing an Action Memo that will establish our decision to conduct a geo-technical study and a survey of the Eastwood Multiple Arch Dam at the Argonaut Site in Jackson, CA. The site preparation work will commence immediately and will include tree trimming and a remote sensing survey. The invasive work that will consist of shallow borings and test pits in the area in front of the EMAD will not occur until the Office of Site Remediation and Technology Innovation has reviewed and approved the

geo-technical study scope of work and other materials, probably in 4-6 weeks. (Contact: Dan Meer, x2-3132)

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